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FOR: METHOD OF PRODUCING A HERMETIC TUBULAR JOINT COMPRISING LOCAL AND INITIAL ADDED THICKNESS(ES), BY MEANS OF PLASTIC EXPANSION

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated August 4, 2010, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 12 of this paper.